

LAKE CO. TO BUILD 8 NEW U. S. SUBS?

Bids Indicate That Bridgeport Concern Underbids Rivals By \$5,000 on Each Boat—Electric Boat Co.'s Price \$550,000 While Local Firm Asks \$545,000.

Even Keel Submersibles, Proved Efficient By Germans, and Invention of Simon Lake, Named By Park City Contractors—Others Want Diving Type.

As a result of careful comparison of the submarine bids opened at Washington yesterday, it would appear, irrespective of early accounts flashed broadcast about the country to the contrary that the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. of this city is the lowest bidder upon the prime type of boat by \$5,000 each.

In confirmation of this belief both Fred Brown Whitney and Lieut. Commander H. M. Robinson, retired, officials of the Lake Co., declare that their bids are the lowest by the large figure mentioned, and in corroboration the New York Times today prints details of the bids which are taken to indicate that on the only type likely to be accepted by the navy department the Lake Co. has surpassed all its competitors in bidding upon an even keel submersible type that has both speed and cost defense qualities.

It is shown by the bids that the Electric Boat Co., owned by the Schwab interests, bid on eight boats of the principal class the maximum figure of \$550,000, while on the same class of boat the Lake company bid on from four to six boats a figure of \$545,000.

These boats had to come up to maximum specifications for coast defense with 14 knots on the surface and 11 knots submerged. Sixteen boats altogether were bid upon, 11 of which were to be built on the Atlantic coast and five on the Pacific coast.

The appropriation made by Congress was limited to \$550,000 per boat. They were not to be known as the offensive or high speed boat, but vessels strictly for coast defense.

The Electric Boat Co. offered a compromise bid in this class known as the M type, one of which was already built, and tests of which are now in progress. In submitting the compromise bid they asked permission to withdraw the bid by October 15 if the tests of that type boat were not satisfactory.

The Lake Co. bid for the maximum class of boats, not less than four, or more than six, to be awarded them, quoting the figure of only \$545,000. Consequently, it would appear on the face of the bids, that the Lake Co. has an standard government specification and without qualification, bid \$5,000 each less than their competitors for boats of the best speed and best characteristics.

The Lake Co. bids were upon a boat of the Simon Lake even keel submersible type, similar to those now used by Germany and which have been found to be far superior to the diving type of boat with which this and other governments have had troubles and upon which some of Lake's competitors bid in the present case.

All the other bids, submitted at Washington yesterday were for minimum or mean speeds and characteristics. It would appear that the low bid quoted throughout the country yesterday by the Electric Boat Co. of \$520,000 each, was for boats of the L class, now undergoing tests. They are understood to be of only 13-12 knots surface speed.

From the bids submitted yesterday it also appears that the Lake Co.'s Pacific coast license, the California Ship Building Co. bid upon not less than three or more than five of the Simon Lake even-keel submersible type with a maximum surface speed of 14 knots, at a price of \$548,500 each. The Union Iron Works, the associate company in the West of the Electric Boat Co., bid for not less than five boats of the diving type at \$510,000 each. These boats are of only 280 tons displacement as compared with 485 tons displacement offered by the California Ship Building Co.

The Lake Co. is assured today from the bids that they will receive contracts for at least eight boats, upon the face of the comparative figures displayed at Washington yesterday.

In preparation for the work the company here has by the issuance of preferred stock defrayed all outstanding indebtedness and has sufficient reserve fund in the treasury to complete the building operations that are now begun.

The account of the bidding as published by the New York Times, which is said by the Lake Co. officials to be the most accurate, is as follows:

FRENCH CONTINUE DRIVE ON FOES' LINE; TORPEDO BOAT IS SUNK BY TURKS

Paris, Oct. 1.—In the great battle in the Artois district the French have made further progress by means of attacks with hand grenades on German trenches. Announcement to this effect was made today by the war office.

In the Champagne a German counter-attack near Mansons de Champagne was checked. The Germans violently bombarded French trenches near Soupre, north of the Aisne but made no infantry attack.

TORPEDO BOAT SUNK BY TURK BATTERIES

Berlin, Oct. 1.—An official communication issued in Constantinople under date of September 27, as received here today by the Overseas News Agency, says:

"Turkish coast batteries sank a torpedo boat of the enemy near Kerevediers."

NORWEGIAN VESSEL IS FIRED BY U-BOAT

Copenhagen, Oct. 1.—The Norwegian mark Acte, 562 tons gross, with a cargo of props from Kragero, was on a voyage from the north to the south of Norway, at a point 20 miles south of the Naaze, at the southern extremity of Norway. The Acte's crew of 11 men were towed in a small boat by the submarine to a point on the shore near the Naaze.

TEUTONIC OFFICERS TO DIRECT BULGARS

London, Oct. 1.—Foreign Secretary Grey announced this afternoon that German and Austrian officers were

stated by the presence of houses devoted to the evil.

Testimony was adduced to show that the social evil is on the increase in Bridgeport, and that the serious maladies caused by it, are becoming more frequent.

SIX MIDSHIPMEN IN HAZING CASE GET DISMISSALS

Washington, Oct. 1.—Dismissal of six midshipmen, suspension of four others for one year without pay and the demotion to the next lowest class of 15 others was announced by Secretary Daniels today as the result of the recent hazing investigation at Annapolis Naval Academy.

Those dismissed are: Robert S. Lamotte, first class; David Glick, second class, and Alexander R. Bolling, Charles B. Fulle, Edward H. Hill and Dwight G. Cook, of the third class.

The navy court which investigated the charges recommended the dismissal of nine.

SENSATIONAL DROP OF \$2 A BALE IN PRICES ON COTTON

New York, Oct. 1.—There was a sensational break of \$2 per bale in the cotton market here today, under heavy general selling. The opening was steady on reports of heavy rains in eastern and central sections of the cotton belt and in keeping with the steady Liverpool cables, but spot houses were heavy sellers and prices eased off stop orders were uncovered. Liquidation became very active but there appeared to be very little support around the ring.

Brophy Chairman of County Commissioners

At a reorganization meeting held this morning the county commissioners elected Commissioner John Brophy, of Ridgefield chairman of the board. Commissioner Frank E. Ballard of this city was elected secretary. Commissioner Henry Crawford of Greenwich, who holds the office of secretary of the county home, will be re-elected when the directors of the home hold a meeting this month.

FIRE BURNS MATTRESS.

At the home of Isaac Richardson at 1713 Main street, over the Atlantic & Pacific tea store at Main and George streets, the mattress of a bed had become ignited this morning by matches in the hands of the children who were playing in the bedroom. No damage resulted excepting the destroying of the mattress.

CAMBRIDGE MEN DRILING

London, Oct. 1.—Ten thousand Cambridge men are fighting or in training to fight for the defense of their country.

DISSOLUTION OF MOTION PICTURE 'TRUST' TO COME

Government Wins Big Suit Against Holding Company of Film Makers.

COMBINATION HELD TO VIOLATE LAWS

Many Defendants Included In Decision in Favor of Department.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—The United States district court today decided the anti-trust dissolution suit against the Motion Picture Patents company in favor of the government.

The Motion Picture Patents company is holding monopoly of the picture industry by the government that it controlled most of the moving picture patents in the United States and also had a large interest in the American rights in foreign patents.

The suit was heard over a year ago by Judge Oliver B. Dickinson, whose decision is a sweeping victory for the United States department of justice.

The government charges that the Motion Picture Patents company and other defendants were engaged in interstate and foreign commerce in motion pictures, films, cameras, exhibiting machines and other articles and apparatus used in the motion picture art, in violation of the anti-trust laws.

The defendants named in the original petition of complaint besides the Motion Picture Patents company are the General Film Company, Biograph company, Thomas A. Edison (Inc.), Esanay Film, Manufacturing company, Kalem company (Inc.), George Kleineau Lubin Manufacturing company, Melies Manufacturing company, Pathe Freres, Sells Polycope company, Vitagraph company, Frank L. Dyer, Henry N. Marvin, J. J. Kennedy, William Selzer, Samuel Long, J. B. Burt, Siegmund Lubin, Gaston Melies, Albert E. Smith, George K. Spoor, and W. H. Selig.

The court, in its decision, states that all the defendants named in the government's petition and the combination therein described were a conspiracy in restraint of trade and therefore illegal and that they constituted, with the exception of the Melies Manufacturing company, monopoly in violation of the anti-trust laws.

With reference to the Melies company the court said:

"The Melies Manufacturing company has denied (as have all the defendants) that it was in any sense a party to the combination charged. We have gone over all the proofs without finding any which go to making good the charge against this particular defendant. It is, therefore, excluded from the findings made and the petition against it is dismissed."

DEATH LIST IN GULF HURRICANE NOW TOTALS 57

Fatalities May Go as High as 70—Property Damage Heavy.

Baton Rouge, La., Oct. 1.—The death list resulting from the hurricane which swept New Orleans, its vicinity and the Mississippi gulf coast Wednesday, now expected to reach 65 or 70. Property damage on latest estimates will mount into the millions. The losses, so far as now known, are distributed as follows:

New Orleans, 19 dead, 200 injured; property loss more than \$2,000,000.

Mississippi coast, 13 dead, scores injured or missing; property loss estimated at \$2,000,000.

Frontier, La., 25 dead, about 20 injured; heavy loss to railroads.

Automobiles arriving here from New Orleans early today reported that the work of restoring order in the city was progressing rapidly. Streets are being cleared of debris. Buildings left in a dangerous condition are being torn down. Railroad traffic from the west had partially resumed and telephone and telegraph companies are working day and night to restore all wire communication with the outside world. It was stated no outside aid would be asked for New Orleans.

TWO TOWNS WIPED OUT BY LOUISIANA CYCLONE

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 1.—According to railroad officials here, persons who visited Rigolets and Dunbar, La., a few miles from Mobile, in a boat yesterday, reported that both towns had practically been wiped out of existence by the Gulf storm. In Rigolets only two houses were found standing and at Dunbar the damage was nearly as great. The Louisville & Nashville Railroad station agent and section foreman at Dunbar were drowned. It is impossible to reach these towns from Mobile now, except by boat.

STRIKER IS FINED FOR THREATENING WORKERS

New Britain, Oct. 1.—Wladislaw Drenkavich was fined \$35 and costs in police court today for threatening three girl workers at the North & Judd factory yesterday noon. It was alleged that he tried to keep them from their work by intimidation.

WEATHER FORECAST

Rain tonight and Saturday; strong northeast winds, gales on the coast.

BURGLAR GETS RICH LOOT AT O'HARA HOUSE

Cracksmen Carefully Examine Silver and Takes Only Solid Ware.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT OVER \$1,200

Washington Park Residence Entered During Early Morning Hours.

Burglars, whose fastidiousness in choosing their loot marked them as "high class crooks," early today entered the home of Dr. William J. A. O'Hara, 361 Barnum avenue, and made off with silverware and other valuables appraised at \$1,200. The police have no clues.

The yegmen—it is believed that there were more than one—took sterling silverware worth \$500. Quantities of plated ware were discarded by the burglars and strewn about the floors. The sterling silverware taken consisted mainly of souvenir spoons that Dr. O'Hara had collected in many countries on a world's tour, and were highly prized by him.

A gold-framed portrait of Mrs. O'Hara was also taken. The frame was worth \$100, and the portrait which was done by one of the leading artists of the country many years ago, was highly prized by Dr. O'Hara and his family. The burglars disturbed a number of photographs hanging on the walls in their search for hiding places for valuables.

Some of the plated ware discarded by the burglars was broken in two, evidently for the purpose of testing its material. A number of trinkets of little value were also strewn on the floors, which were covered with burned matches.

Entrance had been gained by "improving" a parlor window. The burglary was discovered by Mrs. O'Hara at 6 o'clock this morning. Dr. O'Hara immediately notified the police.

Neighbors have furnished the police with a description of a stranger who evidently a foreigner—who was seen loitering about the premises yesterday.

HOWARD FLAHERTY HELPED FOR THIEVERY IS HERO OF BOOKS

That Howard Flaherty, the youth who gave himself up to the police yesterday for the theft of \$500 from the Snyder Hat store last month is none other than the son of Engineer James Flaherty who built the famous Key West viaduct to Dry Tortugas became known today when an appeal for clemency was made to the police.

A young Flaherty himself has been noted as a hero in book form, being shown at work in mines, submarine and picture pursuits in "Pick, Shovel and Stick" recently published by the Scientific American from the pen of A. Russell Bond, a noted engineering author.

According to the relations made to the police by young Flaherty, backed by his father, the youth had for the first time to go out in the world and make a living when his father's fortunes were diminished by the terrific storm that swept the Atlantic coast a year ago and partly demolished the city of Sea Bright, N. J. James Flaherty at that time was constructing a breakwater for the government and it was completely washed away by the violence of the storm.

It is likely that Flaherty will be paroled by the authorities.

SHRAPNEL SHELL "DOUSES" LIGHTS OF ARMS FACTORY

Edward Rideout, giving his address as 480 Anson street, a reamer in the employ of the Remington-U. M. C. was arraigned before Judge Scott today on the charge of wilfully injuring the property of the Remington-U. M. C. His case was continued until tomorrow morning under a bond of \$500.

The shrapnel shell was fired from a gun in the factory and the work was returned to him by Robert Douglas, 1201 Central avenue, foreman of the remaining department. In a fit of anger Rideout hurled the large shell against the wall of the factory and it lodged in a fuse box attached to the wall.

The concussion of the heavy shell coming in contact with a fuse in the box caused all lights in that section of the plant to become extinguished.

After an hour's work on the part of the company's electrician the lights were again placed in working order. The shell was damaged and the officials of the plant insisted on prosecuting Rideout. No attorney has been engaged to defend him.

KATE GILMAN ESTATE APPRAISED AT \$33,400

The property which Kate Gilman owned in Brewster street, Black Rock, is worth \$33,400, according to the inventory which Egbert Marsh and George W. Finn filed in the probate court today. Mrs. Gilman was the wife of the late Alfred Gilman, nephew of George F. Gilman, the eccentric millionaire and founder and owner of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. chain of stores.

STEAMER BALTIC SAFE

New York, Oct. 1.—The White Star line has received word that the steamer Baltic from New York, arrived in Liverpool at 3 a. m. today.

HAINES, WIFE MURDERER, DIRECTS FROM CELL HER FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Son Tells Coroner Father Recently Told Him He'd Find His Mother Dead Some Day—Many Witnesses Tell Coroner of Haines' Drinking Habits For Many Years.

PRISONER MINGLES WITH OTHER INMATES OF JAIL; SEES COUNSEL

Three Men Nominated in Turn By Trumbull Farmer Refuse to Act as Conservator in Handling His Extensive Property—Witnesses Swear Haines Was Not Drunk.

From his cell at the county jail, Jason S. Haines, who is held for murder of his wife, calmly made arrangements today for the harvesting of his crops and talked over the preparations for his victim's funeral with the attorney representing the town of Trumbull.

Mingling with the other prisoners, free to roam at will in the "cage" that surrounds the "bound-over" prisoners cell, Haines gave no symptoms of remorse today for what he did.

That Haines' defense will be insanity will be procured. That his mother had told him he was going to shoot Mrs. Haines, was the graphic story of Jason Haines, Jr., the 16-year-old High School freshman. The boy's testimony was heard for the first time when he testified before Coroner Phelan. Young Haines gave a motive for the crime when he said his father and mother frequently disputed about Haines' drinking habits. He declared his mother often remonstrated with his father and following the disputes often struck Mrs. Haines.

On the recall young Haines admitted that his mother sometimes drank liquor. It was brought home by his father, the witness said. He had never seen his mother drunk but he could tell by the appearance of her eyes when she had been drinking. When asked if Mrs. Haines ever struck her husband the boy could recall only one instance. He said his mother on that occasion threw a plate at her husband.

When he first took the stand young Haines told of the fact that he attended High School. He said his family had lived in the present residence since April 23 last. Before that they lived in Fairfield. Even when they lived in Fairfield his father and mother were always quarrelling, the witness testified.

"Ever since I can remember my father has been a drinking man," young Haines testified.

"When your mother remonstrated with him about and asked him to quit did he strike her?" the witness was asked.

"Yes," was the reply. "She called upon Sheriff Elwood when we lived in Fairfield."

The boy then told about a quarrel July 25 last when his father was intoxicated. "He hit her with a stick and cut her arm," said the boy. "Then he threw things at her."

Young Haines declared his father always carried a revolver and told the witness he intended to shoot his mother.

"Some night when you come home you will find her dead around here," the boy said his father remarked. That remark was made the day Haines was arrested upon his wife's complaint.

On the morning of the murder the boy left home when his father was seated in the hammock reading. As young Haines crossed a lot, about three minutes walk from his home, he heard his mother scream and then heard two shots. The screams sounded to him as if his mother was inside the house.

Mrs. Susan Waller, who is a sister of James G. Ludlum, president of the Manufacturers' Association in Bridgeport, was the first witness examined by Coroner Phelan last evening, when he resumed his inquiry into the knowledge of neighbors of Haines.

"I have known Haines for many years, and I must say I don't believe I have ever seen his sober."

She testified that she knew that time after time Haines had beaten his wife and that she was always in deadly fear of him.

Six weeks ago, she testified, Mrs. Haines had come to her home with her face all black and blue and her eyes discolored, and asked her if she could use her telephone. Fearing Haines, Waller told her the best thing to do would be to go back and try to pacify Haines. It was suggested that E. W. Waller, her husband, go, but Mrs. Haines said he would be shot.

Mrs. Waller went herself. She talked to Haines and told him of the unreasonableness of his actions. He said: "Do you think I'm drunk?" She told the coroner that she assured Haines he was not as she was in fear of him. She told him that what Lincoln said to Grant, about the desirability of having other generals drink the same brand of whisky as Grant did, applied to Haines. Haines, she said, told her he drank a quart of whisky.

Mrs. Waller told that, during a period of intoxication, last Friday, Haines hit his wife on the head with a plate, and her head was gashed so that blood poured down her head and covered her breast. Constable Berger took Mrs. Haines to St. Vincent's hospital in a wagon. She returned that evening and found Haines gone. He was arrested in Bridgeport.

Things went along all right, she said, until Monday, when she heard Sunday, it is expected somebody else.

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